



**MURIEL BOWSER**  
**MAYOR**

July 12, 2022

The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and pursuant to section 3 of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee Establishment Act of 2018, effective June 5, 2018 (D.C. Law 22-111; D.C. Official Code § 7-671.02), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

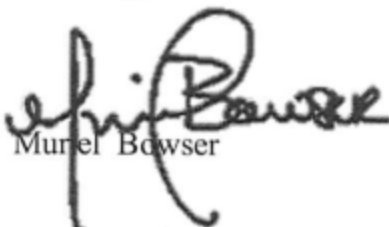
Ms. Roberta Bell  
Farragut Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20011  
(Ward 4)


for reappointment as the obstetric registered nurse member of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee, for a term to end January 10, 2025.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,

  
Muriel Bowser

  
Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the reappointment of Ms. Roberta Bell to the Maternal Mortality Review Committee.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Maternal Mortality Review Committee Roberta Bell Confirmation Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the reappointment of:

Ms. Roberta Bell  
Farragut Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20011  
(Ward 4)

as the obstetric registered nurse member of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee, pursuant to section 3 of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee Establishment Act of 2018, effective June 5, 2018 (D.C. Law 22-111; D.C. Official Code § 7-671.02), for a term to end January 10, 2025.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

*Roberta Frails Bell, MSN*

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**Licensure:**

District of Columbia

**Education:**

Howard University College of Nursing- Washington, DC  
MSN-1985  
Nursing Administration

Medical College of Georgia School of Nursing- Augusta, Georgia  
BSN-1977

Paine College- Augusta, Georgia  
BS-1974  
Biology

**Professional Experience:**

July, 2016-Present

Clinical Nurse III (Department of Maternal Child Health Nursing)

June, 2015- July, 2016

Nurse Educator (MCH- Department of Nursing Education)

November, 2008- January, 2015

Nurse Manager (Department of Maternal Child Health  
Nursing, Howard University Hospital)

March, 2004 –November, 2008

Director of Nursing (Department of Maternal Child Health  
Nursing, Howard University Hospital)

1987- March, 2004 Nurse Clinician (Department of Maternal Child Health Nursing,  
Howard University Hospital)

June, 1977- 1987 Graduate Nurse-Clinical Nurse II (Department of Maternal  
Child Health Nursing, Howard University Hospital)

2003-2005

Perinatal Consultant- Association of Women's Health Obstetric

and Neonatal Nursing

Spring Semester, 1995 Clinical Instructor (Maternity –Howard University  
College of Nursing)

2012, Presenter Presenter-District of Columbia Breast Feeding Collation – Mother-  
Baby Summit- “Journey to Baby Friendly Designation”

Spring, 2013 Presenter-Howard University College of Nursing “Care of the  
Preterm Infant”

**Neonatal Resuscitation Program Certification-** July 12, 2017 –July 31, 2019

**Basic Life Support-** June, 2017-June, 2019

**Academic and Professional Activities:**

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (Gamma Beta Chapter) Howard  
University- Inducted -1985

Charter Member- Washington Metropolitan Association of Neonatal Nurses (WMANN)

Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nursing

March of Dimes- Member, Maternal Child Health Committee

**Community Services:**

Barristers' Spouses of the District of Columbia, Inc. (President)

National Association of Bench and Bar Spouses, Inc. (Financial Secretary)

National Association of Bench and Bar Spouses, Inc. Foundation (Secretary, Chair-Health Initiative)

District of Columbia, Paine College National Alumni Association (Secretary)

Paine College National Alumni Association

Member, Israel Metropolitan CME Church

Member, Women's Missionary Society

Co-chair, Health Ministry- Israel Metropolitan CME Church

President, Stewardess Board #3, Israel Metropolitan CME Church

Chair-Elnora Hamb Health Initiative  
New York-Washington Region  
Women's Missionary Society

**Awards:**

Sojourner Truth Award- Howard University Hospital (1996)

Outstanding Alumni Award- Thomas Walter Josey High School (1990)

Outstanding Alumni Award- Paine College

Trailblazer Award, D. C. Chapter, Paine College National Alumni Association

National Association of Bench and Bar Spouses, Inc., Service Award

District of Columbia Nurses Association, Practice Award

Department of Maternal Child Health Nursing, Leadership Award

August 27, 2018

Mayor Muriel Bowser  
Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments

Mayor Bowser:

I am submitting my name for consideration to serve on the Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC).

I am a registered nurse and have worked in various positions in the Department of Maternal Child Health (MCH) for over forty years at one of the local hospitals in the District of Columbia.

As a resident of the District of Columbia and a MCH nurse, if appointed, I would consider it an honor to serve on this very important committee that will address issues in the area of Maternal Mortality in the District of Columbia.

My resume is attached.

Sincerely,

Roberta F. Bell, MSN



**Executive Office of the Mayor - Office of Talent and Appointments**

**John A. Wilson Building | 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 600 | Washington, DC 20004**

**Roberta Bell**



Roberta Bell currently serves as a Clinical Nurse for the Department of Maternal Child Health Nursing. During her nursing career, Ms. Bell has held both professional and academic leadership roles within Howard University Hospital.

Ms. Bell plays an active role in her community with numerous local and national agencies including the National Association of Bench and Bar Spouses and the Barrister's Spouses of the District of Columbia, Inc. Ms. Bell has also been highly regarded by her community, winning several awards from the Department of Maternal Health Nursing and the District of Columbia Nurses Association.

A Ward 4 resident, Ms. Bell received a Bachelor's of Science in Biology from Paine College, a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing Administration from the Medical College of Georgia School of Nursing, and Master of Nursing degree focusing on Nursing Administration from Howard University's College of Nursing.



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

**To:** Bryan Hum, Steve Walker  
**From:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** June 30, 2022  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating members to the Maternal Mortality Review Committee

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**This is to Certify** that this office has reviewed the above-referenced resolutions and found them to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Vanessa Careiro, Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-724-1303, or me at 202-724-7681.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'.

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Elizabeth Cavendish